Serving or retired and none of his/her ward is working in Railways) should be given the offer of appointment and should also be in the criteria of age" is being followed in the Southern Railway while making recruitments for posts mentioned in part (a) above;

(c) whether Daksin Railway Employees Union have submitted representations to the Chief Workshop Manager/Southern Railway, Golden Rock urging them to conduct the selections purely on the norms mentioned in part (b) above and avoid irregularities; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken to complete the recruitments and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Legislation on Construction Labour

1724. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu State Government had enacted legislation known as "Tamil Nadu Building and Construction workers (Conditions of Employment and Miscellaneous Provision) Act, 1984";

(b) whether it is also a fact that framing of rules and norms under the said act has been deffered by Tamil Nadu Government in view of proposed Central legislation relating to Building and Construction workers; and

(c) if so, what is the progress made in respect of the Bill known as The Building and other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Services) Bill 1988?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABUOR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Bill, 1988 was being taken up for consideration in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 1989 when the then Minister for Labour sought permission of the House to defer consideration of the Bill in view of the fact that a meassage had been received from the Lok Sabha Secretariat that Committee on Petitions had recommended that the Government should consider the draft Bill submitted by the National Campaign Committee for Central Legislation on Construction Labour Following extensive examination of the suggestion of the National Campaign Committee, the detalis are being worked out.

Representation by Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association

1725. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a representation dated 27th June, 1991 have been received by Government from Railway Pensioners' Welfare Association, Madras urging for implementation of the IV Central Pay Commission's recommendations for grant of ex-gratia payments to living railway employees who retired under Provident Fund rules.

(b) if so, whether Government are considering their request;

(c) whether Government have already implemented the recommendation for grant of Ex-gratia in respect of dependents of deceased Provident Fund Retirees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request was duly considered but could not be agreed to because the recommendations of the IV Pay Commission in this regard have not been accepted by the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Widows and dependent children of the decreased CPF beneficiaries who had retired prior to 1-1-1986 are entitled for

ex-gratia payment at the rate of Rs. 150 per month with effect from 1-1-1986 or from the date of death of the deceased employee whichever is later. Ex-gratia payment is also admissible at same rates with effect from 1-1-1986 to the widows and dependent children of the CPF beneficiaries who died while in service prior to 1-1-1986. In all these cases, dearness relief, as allowed from time to time, is added to the ex-gratia.

Memorandum by Madras Labour Union

1726. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 25th July 1991 was jointly submitted to the Prime Minister by Madras Labour Union, Madras and B&C Mills staff Union, Madras regarding the problems facing by Buckningam and Carnatic Mills and its employees;

(b) if so, whether any steps have been taken by Government to sort out the problems and to settle he disputes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABUOR (SHRI PABAN SING GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The memorandum does not appear to have been received. A copy of the memorandum has, however, been obtained from the B&C Mills staff union, Madras and the matter is being examined.

Regularisation of casual workers of FCI Andhra Pradesh region

1727. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued orders for absorption of 123 casual workers in Food Corporation of India, Andhra Pradesh region; and

(b) if so, the details of number of such workers who would be absorbed in FCI in Andhra region, District-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Food Corporation of India has reported that their Board of Directors had approved the re-employment of 123 retrenched casual workers provided they fulfilled the prescribed requirements of the posts and further directed that the vacancies were to be filled from time to time in accordance with the accretion to the work load.

(b) The details of workers to be absorbed after their identification, in Andhra Pradesh region, district-wise are as follows:—

Name of District	No. of workers
Nalgonda	17
Nellore	30
Tedepalligudam	11

Remaining 71 workers who were retrenched from Nalgonda distt. would be absorbed in the nearby districts depending on their willingness, as the required number of vacancies are not available presently in that district.

Reinstatement of dismissed Railway employees

1728. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation consisting of representatives of All India Loco Running Staff Association and All India Railway Employees Confederation led by an hon'ble Member of Parliament met the Minister on 2nd August 1991 in his office on the question of reinstatement of dismissed railway employees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the delegation was asked to meet the Minister again on the 3rd August, 1991 in Railway Board Office;

(c) whether the meeting was held on 3rd August, 1991 as desired by the Minister;